Great Charities Convention Will End With the Session To-Night

CRIMINALS MAKE RESTITUTION BY **BUILDING ROADS**

Withers Ably Explains Virginia System, Deploring "Captious Criticism" by Sentimental People.

With the Road Force, The working of the road force was explained by Mr. Withers in detail. Discussing the efficiency of convict labor as compared with free labor Mr.

"Here in Virginia nearly all our com-

"And should not the fact that we can build good roads by convict labor for a half or a third of the cost under other systems, overcome much of the captious criticism of the maudlinly sentimental? The chief objectors we have encountered are not the people who pay the taxes maintain the jalls and prisons, but the jalfors and the Davis Shoe Company, who have, hyena-like, been faitening on the fallen?"

Sought an interview with the young by tramp.

Police Commissioner Douglas Gordon interested himself in the case and requested Sergeant Wiltshire to take Johnny to the chief's office. There Mr. Jackson had a talk with the young hobo, and learned his whole story, dealing with his wanderings from Buffalo to Richmond.

The result of the injerview with the young by tramp.

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FIRST BATH KILLED THIS LUNATIC IN THREE DAYS CONFERENCE TO

Took It Late in Life and Never Recovered From Shock. Secretary Johnson's Experiences With Daring Criminals and the Insane.

tary is not afraid of lunatics or daring tary is not afraid of lunatics or daring criminals, for he had to admit that he went into a crazy man's cage when no other man in Indiana would do it, and tamed him with a chew of tobacco.

Killed by His First Bath.

Likewise, Mr. Johnson submitted rules and regulations governing the hours between baths in a county home, or poorhouse, as that institution is more generally known. In one establishment the superintendent had to be dismissed because of his. worthless-ness, A man by the name of Mr. Thrift ness, A man by the name of Mr. Thrift ness, A man by the name of Mr. Thrift hought that

disease. Under the new law the short term felons may be sentenced to the roads instead of to the penitentiary.

"The misdemeanants are taken from the jails, which serve as a sort of requiring station, upon the order of the superintendent of the penitentiary, as the needs of the road force require, laving regard always to the distance the prisoner is to be transported, and the unexpired length of his time."

With the Read Force.

SETTLEMENT WORKERS
MAY GO INTO NEW ORDER

Believing that their effectiveness may be increased by forming a national and independent order, settlement workers now attending the conference decided yesterday to hold a convention next year at Buffalo, along with the sessions of the green's beds. "Here in Virginia nearly all our common labor is performed by negroes. Five-sixths of our criminals are negroes. About the only difference between the free regro laborer of the ordinary varisty and the convict negro laborer is that the latter got away from the conference and a communication of the second control of the second co away from the conference, and a committee of three, consisting of Miss.

The cost of various kinds of roads in various States was considered at tength. The figures range all the way from \$2. canal, was appointed to take up the conference and a committee of three, consisting of Miss Krainer, of Baltimore; Miss Krainer, of Philadelphia, and J. O. White, of Clinton, and the conference, and a committee of three, consisting of Miss Krainer, of Baltimore; Miss Krainer, of Baltimore; Miss Krainer, of Clinton, and the conference, and a committee of three, consisting of Miss Krainer, of Baltimore; Miss Krainer, of Baltimore; Miss Krainer, of Clinton, and C

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600 a mile in Virginia under the convict system, with rock convenient, to \$10,000 a mile in New York State.

"Roughly speaking, labor constitutes about half the cost of road building." said Mr. Withers. "If we could put all the jail prisoners directly on the roads, the saving to the State in this item alone every year would pay for the labor used in building 150 miles of road—a road which would reach almost from Washington on the North to the North Carolina line."

The percentage of sesapes and the health of the men in the road camps were referred to by Mr. Withers, who showed great familiarity with the actual workings of the system.

"In conclusion," he said, "let me ask, is it not right to compel the offender to make some sort of restitution by his own labor to the society whom he has outraged? And what form of labor could less come into competition with honest free labor, and at the same time offer the greatest henefit to the greatest and should not the fact that we can build good roads by convict labor for a half or a third of the cost, under

SEE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON

Delegates to Go on Special Train Leaving Richmond at 7:55 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

President Roosevelt has extended an ington in ample time for the reception

The Spirit of the Conference

From the bountiful valleys, the broad smiling fields of the South, From the West, with its treasures outspread, with its mountains

up-piled,
rom the village-swarmed, cityscarred plains of the North
and the East
We have come at the call of the
poor, at the cry of the child.

Oh! ye who stretch suppliant hands from the hovel and den, Oh! little ones, haunting our dreams with your pitiful moan, We have wakened and heard, and the blood of our kinship is stirred.

And we know that the call of the weak is the call of Our Own.

can say as He said.

'Inasmuch as men do it to these
they have done it to us."

ALBION FELLOWS BACON.

KEEP PEOPLE ON LAND AND LET TOWN IDEALS ALONE

Dr. Bailey Points Out Needs of Rural Life To-Day and Suggests Some Remedies-Prevalence of Drink Habit Serious Drawback.

namic weighte of the said property of the race.

"Good public health supervision.

"Endeavor to interest good countrymen in the work that you are doing,
making them in effect your local
agents and representatives.

"This is very much better than to
attempt to reach the problem by sending persons into the country."

humanity in this imperiled nation; and yet there has not been, so far

Congestion of population in cities that will assist in removing the disasturnished a topic for fruitful study abilities under which the farmer works, and that will allow him his share of the benefits of the progress

DAMAGE SUITS SETTLED.

hel containing about \$200.

REPUBLICAN STATE LEAGUE OF GEORGIA

ATLANTA. GA., May 12.—The State Republican League has elected the following delegates at large from Georgia to the national convention at Chicago: J. E. Sistrunk, J. P. Long and J. H. B. Fleming, of Fullon county, and T. B. James, of Rock-Cale. Alternates were chosen as follows: E. T. Mallory, Allen Johnson, A. Beasley and W. J. Weilborn, of Atlanta. All the delegates and alternates are negrees. The delegation goes uninstructed.

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ONFFOLK. VA., May 12.—Fusion Democracy in Norfolk county is divided over the question of who shall be named for the position on the Democratic State Central Committee, State Senator J. A. Lesser and Sheriff A. C. Cromwell being the candidates in the field. Cromwell has the indorsement of the county committee, and Lessor has a strong personal following. Unless a compromise is reached a red-hot fight will develop in the Roanoke convention.

WORK OF S. P. C. A.

Report of Agent Taylor for the Month of April.

No cause for complaint
Veterinary called
Nalls pulled out horses' foot.
Cared for by agent.
Overloaded teams
Homes found for dogs.
Dogs found for owners
Cruelly heat mule
Fast and cruel driving

JAILS WHERE SINNERS MAY BE REFORMED

Turn Criminals Into Good Citizens and Not Make Them Worse, Speakers Ilrge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

POR DEATH OF BABE.

Young Mnn in Prison and Woman in Hospital Seriously III.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 12.—With a likely charge of infanticide hanging over his head, Fred Walton, a well-known young white man of this city, is in jail to-night, while a well-known young woman, Miss Katle Hewitt, mother of the child, is in a hospital under surveillance. For other parties supposed to be implicated in the affair the police are rigidly scarcing.

It is thought likely that the child was allowed to die soon after birth, which was kept a secret until accidentally discovered. Walton admits he knew of the birth and burial of the child, which was exhumed in a renicle locality by the police to-day, but claims that the babs was dead when he first saw it. The affair has created a distinct screation. The young woman worked at the exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company until last Saturday. She was removed from her secret abode tonight and sent to the hospital. She is in a serious condition.

AGAINST PROHIBITION. Mr. Settle Makes Strong Speech and Crowd Scems to Be With 111m.

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[Special to The Times Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., May 12.—Hon. Thomas
Settle delivered an antiprofibition speech in
the courthouse to-night to a crowd that
occupied every inch of standing room, and
large numbers were unable to get even into

large numbers were unable to get even into the anteroom.

The Second Regiment Band furnished the music, and Mr. Settle was at his best. He characterized the pending prohibition act, sought to be ratified as a death blow to local self-government, as un-Democratic and un-Republican, and predicted that the rank and file of the people would come to realize this and rebuke the measure and those engineering it at the polls May 26th. Mr. Settle had his crowd with him, being applauded throughout his address.

DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOL MATTERS
REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY

NORPOLIC, VA. May 12.—The City School NORPOLIC, VA. May 12.—The City School Board and Seventh Ward local hoard are al-outs, the former claiming the latter board is usurping its powers by deciding to hand its usurping its powers by deciding to hand their own school funds and pay their teach-

ers.

The school trustees have entered a pro-test and to-day appealed to the city attor-ney for an opinion as to the right of the ward board to take such a course of action.

NEGROES HERE INSPECT

we think that He leaves in humanity, however beaten and battered, bent, bowed or degraded, the power to judge this vital question of invoriess church life. David was as deep in sin as a soul could well be; yet, when Nathan laid the parable of the "evel lamb" before him, quick and terrible came the judgment as lightning stroke: "The man that hath done this thing shail sorely die, and shall restore the lamb four fold," He had not lost one whit of power to judge. So it is written, no less in history than in Holy Writ, that humanity will judge and trample until it comes to the savory salt, the church with a soul like unto that which compels the angels in the presence of God to "rejoice over



one sinner that repenteth." The joy of salvation is the joy of Jesus, the joy of heaven, and must become the joy of the church of God, ere

the joy of the church of God, ere she can live His life with Him, which is her life also. No self-righteous, selfish "elder brother" can stand sulking at the gate and share the life, joy and love of the Father, His redeemed Son or His faithful servants.

Now, all of these splendid organizations have come to our city with creeds as divergent and different as it is possible to conceive them. They have held their own meetings, under their own rules, discussed their vast works and methods in their own way and freedom, then blended, and now are canvassing the wide woes, works and needs of

and yet there has not been, so far as I have seen or heard, one discordant note. Doctors, Jews, Catholics, Protestants, bending over the helpless, wounded man in the road, have one heart and one soul, for they come to do, not to dogmatize. Has not their Master said: "If any man will do My will, he shall know the doctrine"? Behold, see, bear record. What hath God wrought right here before our eyes and the eyes cord. What hath God wrought right here before our eyes and the eyes of His world? Right-doing is the only way to right doctrine. Piety, rather than pedigree, must save churches as well as individuals. The Samaritan had one, the priest and Levite had the other. The man in the road got saved by the Samaritan. We have schools of music training our chanting Levites; colleges and seminaries, our priests and preachers. This is all right, but not all the rightness. We need, and perishing humanity in its agony is crying for, the Samaritan. Where are our schools to produce the supis crying for, the Samaritan. Where are our schools to produce the supply and moef the demand? One thing is sure, the crowds of glory given will be numbered by the number of those to whom the King can say: "I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed Me; sick and in prison, and ye visited Me" (Matt. xxv. 42, 43). The fig tree was surely a fig tree, but its figness could not atone for its fraitlessness, nor divert the its fruitieseness, nor divert the stroke of God's Word that withered it to its roots. Our churches and our society must

Our churches and our society must teach and train people how to live. All should unite, with one heart and one soul, in demanding that every child in our every school shall be taught and trained to "do his duty in that state of life in which it shall please God to cait him." This is putting the hand of humanity's priends on the helm to guide on intoright living, rather than wrestling at the bow of the onrushing ship to turn it to a path of life and safety, or sending out our life-saving orews to gather up the wreekage. No effort or sacrifice should be spared to teach our 26,000,000 of school children how to live, beginning now. dren how to live, beginning now,

CHARITY AND THE CHURCH

By the Rt. Rev. C. C. PENICK, of Richmond

(Written for The Times-Dispatch.) we think that He leaves in human-

Those with eyes to see, ears to hear, brains to think, hearts to hold, must wonder and rejoice with great joy over the things that have been revealed in Richmond during the past week, and are still being revealed. We have had the braintest and biggest-hearted Jews, Roman Catholics, doctors, and those splendid humanity lovers and Good Samaritan followers from all over the land—the Chartiles and Correction organization—in our midst, revealmaritan followers from all over the land—the Charities and Correction organization—in our midst, revealing their heart life, shedding a flood of light into the churches and society—a light demanding in the name of humanity, the church God orders it to call and sends it to crave, call and prove, under His guidance that church; the church He tells of by "sending His Son into the world to save the world" (John xx. 21); the church Christ leads to when He says: "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke xix. 19); the church whose ideal members must breath the spirit of that great ideal pilgrim to "eternal life," the Good Samaritan (Luke x. 25-37). Humanity's agonizing millons, God sent, come crowding down, with their burdens and agonies, demanding and judging, refusing to be satisfied with anything nies, demanding and judging, re-fusing to be satisfied with anything less, and surely bent and sent to trample underfoct all savorless salt, trample underfoot all savorless salt, as it marches up to a more divine humanity and more human ideal of divinity than any savorless thursh, whatever its ancient pedigree, hoary creed, royal ritual or cherished orders may be. That priest and Levite, passing on "the other side of the man in the road," compassionless, unhelping, had all of these, but vanished forever from favor of God and man around the bend in the road, between accursed Jericho and temple-crowned Jerusalem—they, too, cursed with their cant and hollow chanting and heartless formality. God has never and cant and hollow chanting and heart-less formality. God has never and will never stand for any (huch that passes the helpless man in the road and leaves him unhelped; and He has ordered humanity to see Hs will in this matter executed and to use His savorless salt as road mettle on the highway to life's noble, gladder, more Godike living (Matt. v. 13). It is strange how we see as